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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, EC

SUBJECT: CEPE MANAGER PINEIROS REFUSES TO SIGN TEXACO-GULF DECREE

REF: QUITO 2931

1. MIKE MARTINEZ, LOCAL TEXACO MANAGER, TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 29 THAT COLONEL LUIS PINEIROS, CEPE MANAGER, HAD REFUSED TO SIGN THE DRAFT DECREE ALLOWING TEXACO-GULF A NINE CENTS INCREASE IN PRODUCTION COST. PINEIROS POINTED OUT HE HAD NOT PARTICIPATED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS OF THE DECREE WHICH WAS TO BEAR HIS SIGNATURE, AND HE HAS RETURNED THE DRAFT TO THE SUPREME COUNCIL. PINEIROS TOLD MARTINEZ HE WOULD RESIGN IF FORCED TO SIGN THE DECREE.

2. MARTINEZ CITED PINEIROS' REFUSAL TO SIGN THE DECREE AS AN INDICATION OF THE WEAKNESS OF THE SUPREME COUNCIL. PINEIROS SEEMS AFRAID TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SIGNING THE DECREE WHILE HIS "BOSS", MINISTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES RENE VARGAS -- WHO IS KNOWN TO OPPOSE THE DECREE -- IS STILL ABSENT FROM ECUADOR. (VARGAS IS EXPECTED TO RETURN FROM THE GENEVA OPEC CONFIDENTIAL

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MEETING ABOUT MAY 1.) FOR SECURITY REASONS, TEXACO-GULF

HAS DECIDED NOT TO ACTIVELY PURSUE THE ISSUE FOR THE TIME
BEING. ALSO FOR SECURITY REASONS, MARTINEZ DOES NOT ANTICI-
PATE MAX CRAWFORD RETURNING TO ECUADOR TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE
GOVERNMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
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